

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 931

By Fitzhugh

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Representative Mike Turner for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this body should honor those fellow legislators who performed their duties with the utmost integrity and whose efforts during their time in office were dedicated to providing thoughtful and exemplary service to their district and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Mike Turner of Old Hickory is one such distinguished public servant who served both his constituency and this legislative body with honor and ability from the 102nd through the 108th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, Representative Turner is a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of the 51st House District and Davidson County, and he served his constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, Mike Turner distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good people of the 51st House District, who evinced their firm belief in his abilities as a legislator by electing him to serve seven consecutive terms as their representative, a position in which he performed admirably; and

WHEREAS, Mike Turner is respected by all as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always votes his conscience, and he currently serves with acumen and alacrity as the House Democratic Caucus Chairman; and

WHEREAS, he also serves his party and his caucus as a board member of the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee; and

WHEREAS, as an active and dynamic participant in the legislative process, Representative Turner rendered sterling service as a member of the House Calendar and Rules Committee, the House Consumer and Human Resources Committee, the Government Operations Committee, the House Health Committee, and the House Health Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, the recipient of numerous legislative awards, Representative Turner is a family man, public servant, and community leader, and he proves that citizens can make a difference by being involved in public service and leading by example; and

WHEREAS, he demonstrated the true meaning of community involvement by coaching girls softball and basketball for twenty-three years in Old Hickory; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding Christian faith, Mike Turner is a member of Old Hickory United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who truly appreciates the responsibilities, as well as the privileges, of leadership and citizenship, he has donated his time and energies as a Mason and as a member of the Old Hickory Village Association, the Donelson-Hermitage Exchange Club, the Andrew Jackson Elementary PTO, the Dupont Hadley PTO, the Farm Bureau, the Tennessee State Employees Association, and the Nashville, Old Hickory, Madison, and Donelson chambers of commerce; and

WHEREAS, he has also lent his valued leadership abilities as the treasurer and board member of the Tennessee Fire Fighters Emergency Relief Fund, as president of International Association of Firefighters Local 140, as the vice president of the Tennessee AFL-CIO, as the president of the Tennessee Professional Fire Fighters, and as a board member of the Tennessee Fire Commission; and

WHEREAS, throughout his outstanding career as a legislator, Mike Turner worked tirelessly on behalf of his constituents, bringing to his office an honorable bearing and the traditional values of hard work and common sense; and

WHEREAS, his many civic and professional accomplishments aside, Mike Turner is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Dinah, and their three children; and

WHEREAS, Representative Mike Turner is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized for his exemplary tenure in this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Representative Mike Turner for his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives, commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of the 51st House District, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.